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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

STEPHEN ZIMMERMAN, ET AL.

: Confirmation No. 2167

Serial No. 09/851,040

: Group Art Unit: 1761

Filed: May 8, 2001

: Examiner: D. E. Becker

For: SNACK PIECE HAVING INCREASED PACKED DENSITY

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

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Honorable Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

In response to the Final Office Action of July 11, 2003 please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Disclosure begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

AMENDMENTS TO THE DISCLOSURE

Please replace the paragraph at page 1, lines 3-6, and accept in its place the following new paragraph:

--CROSS REFERENCE TO A RELATED PATENT

This application claims priority to co-pending and commonly-owned, U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/202,394, Case-8072P, titled, "Nested Arrangement of Snack Pieces in a Plastic Package"; filed May 8, 2000 in the name of Stephen P. Zimmerman.--